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SINISTER WAR

PETER PARKER was bitten by a radioactive spider and gained the proportional speed, strength, and agility of a SPIDER, adhesive fingertips and toes, and the unique precognitive awareness of danger called "SPIDER-SENSE"! After the tragic death of his Uncle Ben, Peter understood that with great power there must also come great responsibility. He became the crimefighting super hero called...

The Amazing SPIDER-MAN

SINISTER WAR Part 2

Norman Osborn has never had a simple life. At least not since we met him and his secret persona, the Green Goblin. But recently, the Sin-Eater shot Norman with his enchanted shotgun and removed all of Norman's sins and madness, giving Norman a new lease on life. That new life was tainted when he figured out that the mysterious villain Kindred was actually his son, Harry.

Kindred, meanwhile, has gathered six Sinister Sixes to destroy Spider-Man and has also kidnapped Mary Jane Watson.

But if Kindred is Harry Osborn, then who did Carlie Cooper find in her morgue, dead? And how is Kindred lording over the Sixes and kidnapping MJ while, at the same time, Carlie is WITH a very alive Harry Osborn, trying to escape from Kindred's mausoleum?

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WE ALL MAKE DEALS.

COMPROMISES.

IT'S HOW WE WEATHER THE HARD TIMES.

HOW WE SURVIVE.

NONE OF US CAN DO THAT ALONE.

SO WE FORM BONDS. PARTNERSHIPS--

--TEAMS.

NONE OF US GET EVERYTHING WE WANT IN THESE DEALS--

--BUT SOMETIMES IT'S ENOUGH JUST TO GET WHAT WE NEED.

THAT'S THE *INTERCONNECTEDNESS* OF THIS LIFE, PETE.

AND THE *NEXT*, AS IT TURNS OUT.

WE ALL AFFECT EACH OTHER.

THE CHOICES YOU MAKE IMPACT YOUR NEIGHBOR, YOUR FRIEND, YOUR *FAMILY*.

GOD KNOWS I ALWAYS THOUGHT OF *YOU* AS FAMILY.

AND THE CHOICES YOU MADE...

THEN AGAIN, WE MAKE DEALS FOR ALL KINDS OF REASONS.

SOMETIMES, IT'S NOT A QUESTION OF SURVIVAL--

--BUT GREED.

YEARS AGO...

AND NOW, THE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP GOES TO...

...MENDEL STROMM!

FRUSTRATING, ISN'T IT?

BEING OVERSHADOWED BY SOMEONE WHO'S SUPPOSED TO BE AN *EQUAL PARTNER.*

I KNEW A PAIR OF *BROTHERS* ONCE--YOU KNOW WHAT? FORGET IT--LONG STORY.

DO I *KNOW* YOU?

NOT BY NAME. PLEASED TO MEET YOU, NORMAN. I'M A BIG FAN OF YOUR WORK.

I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT A... UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY THAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO YOU AND *ONLY* YOU. NO MENDEL STROMM REQUIRED.

HE'D BE A POOR FIT FOR AN INVESTMENT IN MY FIELD, AS IT TURNS OUT.

AND WHAT FIELD IS THAT, EXACTLY?

ACQUISITIONS.

WHICH CAN MEAN MANY THINGS--

--BUT *YOU* KNEW RIGHT AWAY, DIDN'T YOU?

WHERE ALL OF THIS WAS LEADING.

YOU COULD'VE TURNED AWAY THEN. SAID NO.

CLOSED THE DOOR.

BUT WE'RE ALL SLAVES TO OUR NATURE.

WE ARE WHO WE ARE.

HARRY...

HARRY, *PLEASE*-- STOP ALL THIS.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE--

EXCEPT IT *IS*, MJ.

THE CREDITS ARE ABOUT TO ROLL.

BUT BEFORE THEY DO, LIKE ANY GOOD MYSTERY...

...THERE ARE STILL A FEW TWISTS LEFT TO REVEAL THEMSELVES.

"IT'S USELESS."

HARRY, WE'VE BEEN WALKING THESE CATACOMBS FOR *HOURS*--WE'RE JUST GOING IN CIRCLES--

THIS IS NO TIME TO *GIVE UP*, CARLIE-- WE JUST GOTTA FIND A WAY TO--

WAIT-- THERE, IN THE WALL!

I *SEE* SOMETHING!

GIVE ME A HAND! THERE'S SOMETHING THERE-- ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE--

AHHHH!

CRASH

WAIT-- WHAT *IS* THIS PLACE?

IT LOOKS LIKE--

THE MORGUE...

MY MORGUE.

AND EVERYTHING'S HERE EXCEPT--

THE *BODIES*, RIGHT?

FOUND ONE.

HARRY, WAIT--

LIKE I SAID--

--WE ARE WHO WE ARE.

WHO'S THERE?!

YOU KNOW.

I'M ALWAYS HERE WITH YOU, AFTER ALL.

NO-- NOT AGAIN-- YOU'RE NOT REAL--

OH, BUT I AM, NORMAN-- YOU MADE ME.

RIGHT HERE, BEHIND THESE WALLS...

NO--

NO-- THIS--THIS ISN'T MY LAB.

AT LEAST... I DON'T THINK IT IS.

THESE TUBES... I KNOW WHAT THEY ARE. BUT--THEY'RE NOT *MINE.* WHO--

OH, BUT THEY *ARE,* NORMAN--

--JUST NOT IN THE FLESH.

BUT I ASSURE YOU, IT'S *ME.* I REMEMBER IT ALL--EVERYTHING WE DID--

"--TOGETHER."

THIS IS SO GREAT, DAD!

I'M GLAD YOU'RE ENJOYING IT, HARRY. CONEY ISLAND IS A *WONDERFUL* PLACE.

CAN I GO ON *THAT* ONE?

OF *COURSE* YOU CAN--

--IT'S YOUR *BIRTHDAY.*

I'D SAY THE KID IS LUCKY--

--BUT HONESTLY, *I'M* THE BIG WINNER. YOU KNOW HOW HARD IT IS TO GET GOOD FOOD WHERE I'M FROM?

JUST LOOK AT THIS THING.

YOU.

I TOLD YOU, I'M NOT *INTERESTED.*

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO YOU *ARE--*

OH, COME NOW, NORMAN. YES, YOU DO.

AND YOU KNOW *EXACTLY* WHAT I WANT.

LOOK AT YOU. YOU THINK YOU'RE CHANGED. THAT YOUR SINS HAVE LEFT YOU--

--BUT THIS ONE WILL ALWAYS REMAIN. "FOR NORMAN SO LOVED HIMSELF, HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN--"

SHUT UP! YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW?!

THIS WAS ALL YOUR FAULT!

YOUR GREED! YOUR ANGER!

OUR ANGER. BUT YOU REMEMBER THE TRUTH NOW, DON'T YOU?

I--I DIDN'T KNOW. I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND...

"I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE *CONSEQUENCES.*"

AH, *THERE* HE IS.

DADDY DEAREST.

I SUPPOSE IT'S TIME WE GIVE UP THE *RUSE*--

--AND GET DOWN TO *BUSINESS.*

WHICH I USED TO THINK WAS YOUR STRONG SUIT.

BUT *LOOK* AT YOU...*RUINED.* ECLIPSED BY YOUR PARTNER.

DEEP IN DEBT AND ABOUT TO LOSE YOUR POSITION.

YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW THAT?!

I'M RUINED. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING LEFT...

OH, COME NOW.

WE BOTH KNOW *THAT'S* NOT TRUE.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

AT FIRST? *NOTHING.*

LIFE WILL GO ON. YOU WON'T EVEN REMEMBER WE *HAD* THIS LITTLE TALK.

BUT THINGS WILL START TO *CHANGE* FOR YOU, NORMAN.

YOUR FORTUNES WILL TURN AROUND.

AND EVERYTHING YOU *EVER WANTED* WILL BE YOURS.

YOU'RE GOING TO BE MY FINEST DEAL IN A *MILLENNIUM,* NORMAN.

MY LEGACY MADE *FLESH.* AND ALL IT WILL *COST* YOU--

"--IS YOUR FIRSTBORN SON."

YOU GOTTA HAND IT TO HIM...

...HE HONORED HIS SIDE OF THE DEAL, DIDN'T HE?

DAD...

BEEN WAITING SO MANY YEARS FOR THIS.

ALMOST DIDN'T MAKE IT--

--BUT I'M NOTHING IF NOT A SURVIVOR.

I HAD TO UPLOAD BOTH OUR MINDS TO MAKE IT THROUGH THE YEARS,* JUST TO LOOK YOU IN THE EYES AND SAY--

*BACK IN SPIDER-MAN: LEGACY OF EVIL!

GOTCHA.

"GOTCHA."

GOTCHA.

GOTCHA.

GOTCHA.

I'M NOT WHO YOU THINK I AM.

AT LEAST NOT *ENTIRELY.*

WE ARE WHO WE *ARE.*

"BUT WE ARE NOT ALWAYS WHO WE *SAY* WE ARE."

TOLSTOY

IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO LEARN THE TRUTH--

--NO MATTER THE *COST.*

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